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1. The Moroccan Nationalist Istiqlal (Independence) Party has instructed its representatives in the United States to retain the services of prominent lawyers practicing international law who are in a position to intervene on behalf of the Moroccan Nationalists subject to prosecution proceedings in Rabat on the part of the French Protectorate authorities in Morocco.
2. Istiqlal leaders hope to win enough publicity and to influence world opinion sufficiently to compel French authorities to permit coverage of the trials by a neutral press.

25X1A 1 [REDACTED] Comment. The arrested Moroccan Nationalists are to be tried by a Military Tribunal on non-specific charges under such general headings as "incitation to revolt," etc. The accused persons have the right, but only after arraignment and having been charged and re-confined, to attempt to obtain legal counsel, other than lawyers assigned, in which event the lawyers must be officially listed as eligible to practice before the local French courts which is tantamount to obliging the accused to retain a French lawyer. Lawyers at the international level secured from outside, while not permitted to appear or plead in person, could, however, advise and assist the defense in the interests of fair play.

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